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Title RAPIDLY DEGRADED REPORTER FUSION PROTEINS

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed January 23, 2008, said period of response being extended from April 23, 2008 to May 23, 2008.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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